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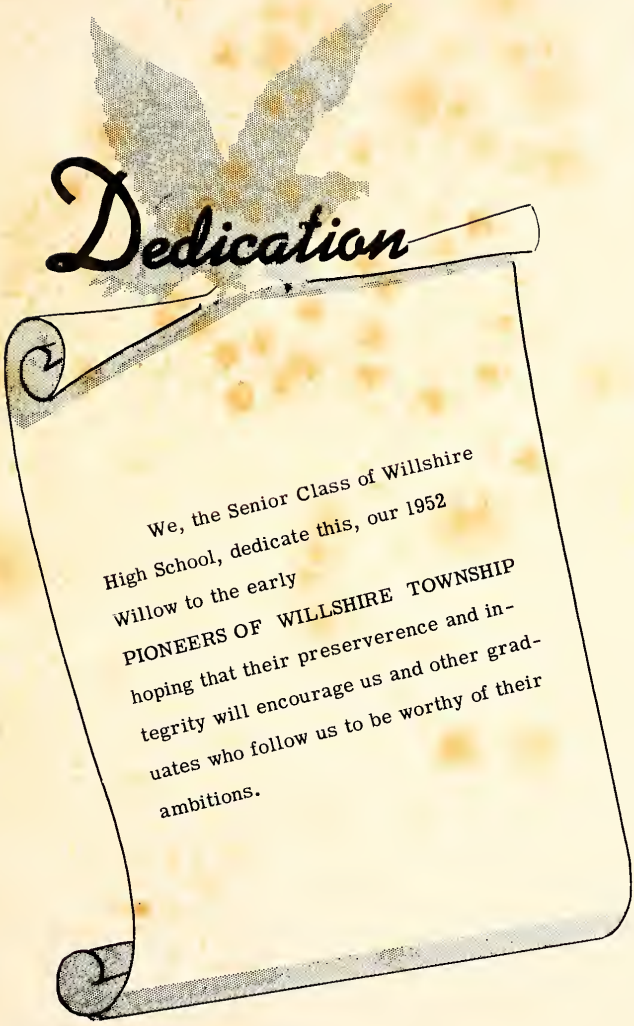

Dedication
We, the Senior Class of Willshire
High School, dedicate this, our 1952
Willow to the early
PIONEERS OF WILLSHIRE TOWNSHIP
hoping that their preserverence and in-
tegrity will encourage us and other grad-
uates who follow us to be worthy of their
ambitions.

HISTORY

OF

WILLSHIRE

Willshire, the first settlement and county seat of Van Wert County, was established by Captain James Riley in 1820 when he built a grist mill and a saw mill on the south bank of the St. Marys River. He named the settlement after the man who rescued him from slavery after he had been captured by the Arabians following his shipwreck off the coast of Africa.

The purpose of this settlement, the oldest between St. Marys, Ohio, and Ft. Wayne, Indiana, was to promote a waterway via the St. Marys River between these two major points.

Disasters such as the financial crash under President John Tyler in 1842, heavy rains in 1842 and 1843 resulting in a state of famine among the settlers, and the cholera in 1854 caused many families to move from this community, but a few stayed and some returned to make this their permanent home. These were the pioneers who were our forefathers and to whom we are so greatly indebted.

Here are some interesting facts concerning the growth of our community:

The first school was held in a log building on the public square. It was also used as a post office and later as the county court house.

The public square was dedicated to public use by Captain James Riley.

The first teacher in Willshire was Ansel Blossom.

The first frame school house was built on the public square in 1848.

The first dry goods and grocery store was conducted by Henry Reichard in 1836.

The first hotel was built by William Case in 1836.

In 1850, Dr. J. W. Pearce, the first doctor to remain in Willshire, built the first tavern.

The first Methodist Church was organized by Elder Day in 1829. The first building was built in 1847 approximately where the Dale Cowan residence now stands.

The first U. B. Church was organized by Reverend Shindledecker in 1847.

The first Lutheran Church was organized at Schumm in 1840 by Reverend F. Wyneken.

The replica of the old court house still stands on the public square remininding us that Willshire was once the leading community in Van Wert county, that James Riley long ago dared the wilds of the St. Marys River and the Indian territory to make a settlement, and that men worked and died to establish a community of which we could be proud.

VIEWS OF WILLSHIRE

Left:
Present hotel building when first built in 1836.

Right:
Straubinger Hotel in 1952.

Left:
Willshire Fire Department and City Hall.

Right:
Willshire Park.

Left:
Willshire Post Office.

Right:
Who'syer Buckeye Restaurant .

Left:
St. Marys River.

Right:
Willshire Methodist Church.

Left:
Willshire downtown District.

Right:
St. Marys River bridge.

Our School

Present

Past

The first school was established in 1836. It was located in a one-story log house that was also used as a post office. This building later became the court house and jail. This school was supported by private finances and it opened January 1, 1836, with six pupils: two Reichards, two Majors, and two McManuses.

Prior to 1840 all financial upkeep for schools, churches, and roads was from private sources, except one road which was financed by taxation. Due to poor crops and financial conditions, churches and schools were completely abandoned in 1843.

The first frame school house was built on the Public Square in 1848. A bachelor by the name of Patrick was the first visiting teacher. He was hired in 1847 and contracted for a three month term.

Some time between 1850 and 1900 a five room, brick building was built for school purposes on the present school site. According to local residents this school had three rooms down and two above. It served the purposes of a grade school.

In 1900 the present school building was built replacing the formerly mentioned five room structure. The board of education at that time was Alex Beal, Shock, and B. H. Avery.

The newer addition to the school was dedicated on October 17, 1930. President Williams of The Normal College at Bowling Green, Ohio, was the principal speaker. The board of education then was S. C. Hunter, President; T. C. Hoffman, Clerk; Jesse Wheeler, G. C. Inman and F. A. Detter. S. O. Liming was the superintendent.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. R. G. Brand

Mr. Russell Griffith

Mrs. Betty Cox

Left to right: Leo Trisel, Leo Baker, Richard Allmandinger, Vernon Caffee, Russell Byer.

Willow Staff

Co-Editors	Beverly Agler
	Donna Baker
Business Managers	Carl Fisher
	Kenneth Merkle
	Evelyn Humerickhouse
Feature Editors	Emma Allmandinger
	Bud Frank
	Gloria Alspaugh
	Edna Bailey
Art Editors	Marilyn Kuhlberg
	Bill Schlickman
Picture Editors	Barbara Marbaugh
	Don Baker
	Mary Merkle
Calendar Editors	Helen Roehm
	Shirley Smith
	Max Frye
Sports Editors	Gene Koch
	Bob Hey
	Ken Lautzenheiser
Reporters	Gene Thatcher
	Bernard Krall
	Harold Brorein
Sponsors	Miss Bowyer
	Mr. Lucas

Seated: Donna Baker, Beverly Agler
Standing: Mr. Lucas, Gene Thatcher, Carl Fisher, Marilyn Kuhlberg, Gene Koch, Helen Roehm, Barbara Marbaugh, Emma Allmandinger, Miss Bowyer.

FACULTY

MR. RUSSELL GRIFFITH
SUPERINTENDENT

Subjects: Chemistry, General Science
School graduated: Van Buren, Indiana
College: Huntington, Miami University, Indiana University, Manchester.
Degrees: A.B., M.S.

MR. ROBERT G. LUCAS
PRINCIPAL

Subjects: Mathematics, Physical, Social Science.
School graduated: Bellfontaine
College: Bowling Green, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Indiana University.
Degrees: B.S., M.S.

MR. DALE COMPTON
COMMERCIAL

Subjects: Shorthand, Typing, Bookkeeping, Business Law.
School graduated: Haviland-Scott.
College: Mississippi State, Giffin, Findlay, Indiana University.
Degree: B.S. in Education

MARYETTA BOWYER

Subjects: Home Economics, French II.
School graduated: Haviland-Scott.
College: Defiance, University of Chicago, Ohio State, Indiana University Extension.
Degree: A.B., B.S.

GERALD I. MANKEN

Subjects: Industrial Arts Science
School graduated: York.
College: Ohio State.
Degree: B.S.

MR. ROBERT GAMES
COACH

Subjects: History, Biology, Physical Education.
School graduated: Manchester.
College: Holbrook, Miami University, Indiana University.
Degree: A.B.

MRS. ROSELLA VINING

Subjects: Music.
School graduated: Willshire.
College: Kent State University.
Degree: B.S.

MRS. ELSIE C. BYERS

Subjects: English, Public Speaking, Librarian.
School graduated: Westerville.
College: Otterbein, Ohio State.
Degree: B.A.

Our teaching staff has been supplemented by Mrs. Dale Cowan and Mrs. Harry L. Smith.

Mrs. Cowan is the home-teacher for sick children and Mrs. Smith teaches Bible classes.

JOYCE SNYDER

Grade: First.
School graduated: Convoy.
College: St. Francis.

MRS. DALE CLOUSE

Grade: First.
School graduated: Union.
College: Ohio Northern, Indiana University.

MRS. KATHRYN GRIFFITH

Grade: Second.
School graduated: Huntington, Indiana.
College: Huntington, Indiana University, Miami University.

MRS. ESTHER DELLINGER

Grade: Third:
School graduated: Rockford.
College: Ohio Northern, Extension; Bowling Green, Miami University, Huntington.

MRS. MARCELLA SCHROEDER

Grade: Third & Fourth.
School: Celina
College: Ohio Northern University, Ohio University, Miami University.

MERL E. BAIN

Grade: Fourth
School graduated: Willshire
College: Bowling Green, Ohio University Extension.

EDITH R. BOWEN

Grade: Five.
School graduated: Rockford.
College: Bowling Green.

MR. CLARK SIPE

Grade: Six.
School: Rockford
College: Bowling Green, Moody Bible Institute, Miami University.

MRS. MARY LOVETT

Subjects: Arithmetic, English, Physical Education.
School graduated: West Unity.
College: Defiance.
Degree: B.S. in Education.

LOCAL SERVICEMEN

ARL GEISSLER
"Army"

TIM AGLER
"Air Force"

BOB SHOUP
"Marines"

LAVERNE MILLER
"Army"

WILLY
ALLMANDINGER
"Army"

NED BYER
"Air Force"

PHIL HILEMAN
"Air Force"

GENE BIENZ
"Marines"

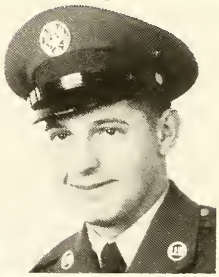
ROBERT VOLTZ
"Army"

PAUL ROEHM
"Army"

KEITH ROSS
"Air Force"

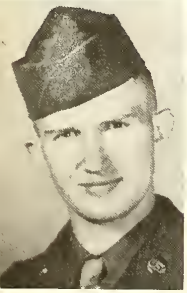
GENE MYERS
"Marines"

HAROLD GRIFFITH
"Marines"



JOHN GRIBLER
"Air Force"

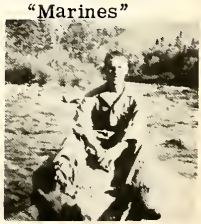
JOHN SCHAFFNER
"Marines"



BOB FRANK
"Army"

RAY HAMRICK
"Army"

Don Geary is also serving in the U. S. Marines.

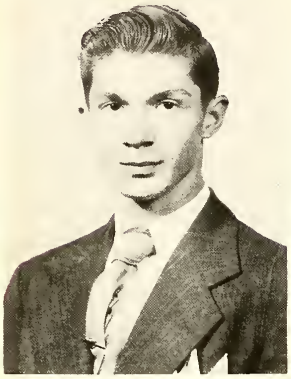


BILL MARBAUGH
"Air Force"

SENIORS

SENIOR OFFICERS

PRESIDENT



MAX FRYE

President 4
Glee Club 1,2,3,4
Senior Choir 1,2,3,4
Band 1,2,3,4
Class Play 3
Willow Staff 4

VICE-PRESIDENT

BEVERLY AGLER

President 2,3
Vice-President 4
Willscribe Editor 4
Assistant 3
Y-Teens 1,2,3,4
Secretary 3
President 4
Willow Co-editor 4
Girls' State 3
Glee Club 1,2,3,4
Class Play 3

SECRETARY

HELEN ROEHM

Glee Club 1,2,3,4
Senior Choir 1,2,4
Y-Teens 1,2,3,4
Program Chairman . . . 4
Y-Teen Conference . . . 3
Class Secretary 4
Band 3,4
Willscribe Staff 4
Willow Staff 4
Class Play 3

TREASURER

BARBARA MARBAUGH

Y-Teens 1,2,3,4
Glee Club 1,2,3,4
Secretary 3
Treasurer 4
Class Play 3
Willow Staff 4

REPORTER

MARILYN KUHLBERG

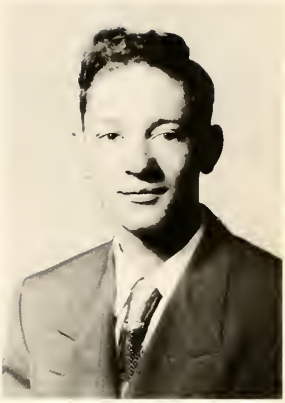
Girls' Leaders 1
Water Ballet 1
Y-Teens 2,3,4
Glee Club 2,3,4
Y.W.C.A. Team 2,3
Class Play 3
Class Reporter 3,4
Y-Teen Reporter 4
Willscribe Staff 4
Willow Staff 4

BERNARD KRALL

Willow Staff 4

GLORIA ALSPAUGH

Senior Choir 1,2,3,4
Glee Club 1,2,3,4
Y-Teens 1,2,3,4
Cheer Leader 1,2,4
Willow Staff 4
Class Play 3

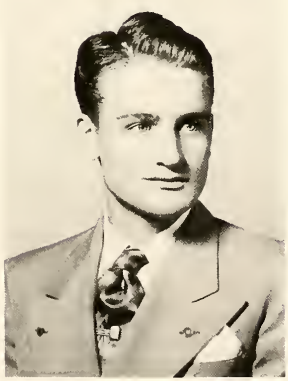


DON BAKER

Senior Choir 1,2,3,4
Glee Club 1,2,3,4
Baseball. 2,3,4
Basketball 2,3,4
Band 1,2
Class Play 3
Treasurer 2
Willow Staff 4

DONNA BAKER

Y-Teens. 1,2,3,4
Treasurer. 2
Pianist 3
Vice President 4
Treasurer. 3
Senior Choir 1,2,3,4
School Pianist 2,3
Willow Co-Editor 4
Willscribe Staff 4
Glee Club 1,2,3,4
Y-Teen Conference. . . . 3
Class Play. 3



GENE THATCHER

Baseball. 3,4
Basketball 3,4
Glee Club 1,2
Willow Staff 4

EDNA BAILEY

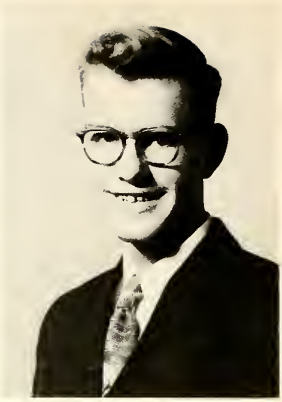
Y-Teens. 1,2,3,4
Glee Club 1,2,3
Willow Staff 4

CARL FISHER

President 1
Class Reporter 2
Vice-President 3
Glee Club 1,2
Senior Choir 1
Band 1,2,3
Willow Staff 4

MARY ANN MERKLE

Glee Club 1,2,3,4
Y-Teens 1,2,3,4
Willscribe Staff 4
Willow Staff. 4



BOB HEY

Basketball 1,2,3,4
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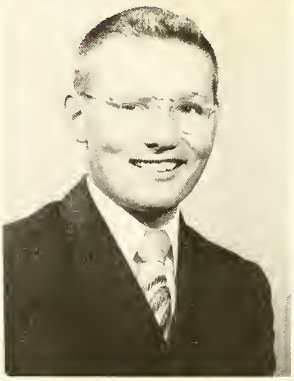
Senior Choir 1,2,3,4
Willscribe Staff 4
Class Play. 3



GENE KOCH

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Baseball. 1,2,3,4
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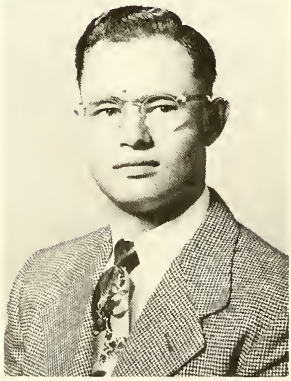
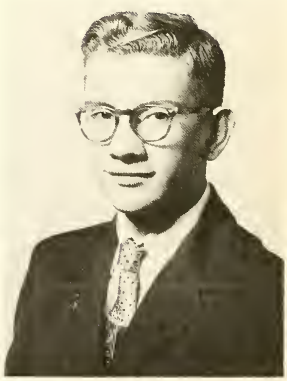
Class Play 3
Glee Club 1,2,3
Willow Staff 4



HAROLD BROREIN

Glee Club 1,3
Shop Reporter 4
Willow Staff. 4



KENNETH MERKLE

Senior Choir 1,2,3,4
Glee Club 1,2,3
Band 1,2,3,4
Willow Staff 4

EMMA ALLMANDINGER

Glee Club 1,2,3,4
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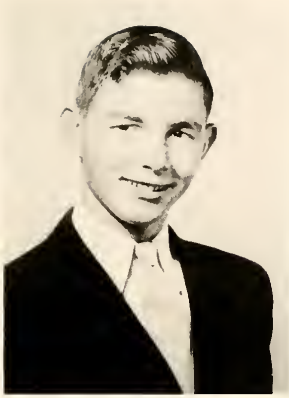
Pianist 4
Willscribe Staff 4
Willow Staff. 4



KEN LAUTZENHEISER

Basketball 1,2,3,4
Baseball 1,2,3,4
Willow Staff 4
Glee Club 1,3

EVELYN HUMERICKHOUSE

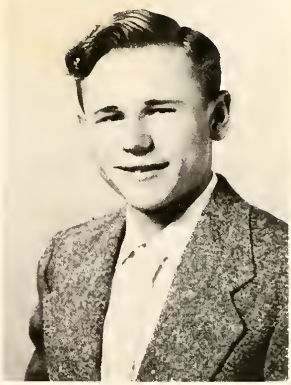
Y-Teens. 1,2,3,4
Class Play 3
Glee Club 1,2,3,4
Willow Staff 4

BUD FRANK

Glee Club 1,2,3,4
Senior Choir 1,2,3,4
Willow Staff 4

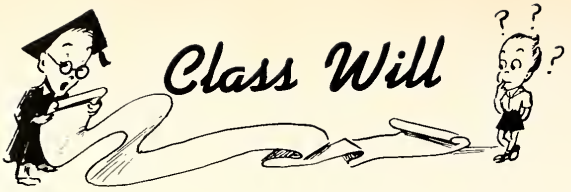
SHIRLEY SMITH

Band 1,2,3,4
Y-Teens. 1,2,3,4
Class Play 3
Glee Club 3,4
Willow Staff 4



BILL SCHLICKMAN

Basketball. 1,2,3,4
Baseball. 1,2,3
Class Secretary. 2
Class Play 3
Glee Club. 1,2
Willow Staff. 4



We, the Senior Class of 1952, being of sound minds and bodies, but of poor memories, do make, ordain, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament.

First, we will to the Junior Class our blinds and blind cords, which always caused our trying moments with the teachers.

Second, we will to the Sophomore Class all our "angel-like" actions and our enormous appetites.

Third, we will to the Freshmen Class all the tasty onions and the becoming make-up that was used on Freshmen Initiation Day.

I, Beverly Agler, in semi-sound mind and body, will my title of editor of the WILL-SCRIBE to Kay Slusser and my luck in roaming around during school-time to Paul Schaffner. I also will my "gift of gab" to anyone who will take it off my hands, my black hair to Joan Kuhlberg, and my love for skating and square dancing to Yvonne Voltz.

I, Emma Allmandinger, will all my books to Mary Weddle, my long, dark hair to Anna Miller, my bashfulness to Joan Kuhlberg, my job on the WILLSCRIBE staff to Eileen Black, and, last but not least, my seat by the register in the study hall to any cold-blooded Junior.

I, Gloria Alspaugh, in sound mind and good judgment, will my seat in the study hall to any person who will sand it, my naturally curly hair to Sandra Hey, my shortness to Lester Strickler, my cheerleading suit to Eileen Black, and my ability to get along with under-classmen to whomever can hold their head long enough.

I, Edna Mae Bailey, will my ability to get along with the teachers to anyone who likes them, my tallness to Kay Slusser, my seat in the study hall to Virginia James, my study halls to Marlene Trisel, my extra weight to Virgie Thatcher, and my blond hair to Lois DeBolt.

I, Don Baker, will my seat in the study hall to whomever is lucky enough to get it, my books, if they can find them to Paul Schaffner, my gym shoes to Jim Habegger, and my position on the basketball and baseball teams to whomever gets it.

I, Donna Baker, will my red hair to Anna Miller, my tallness to Carol Kuhn, and my quietness to Sandra Hoblet. I also will my "love" to be stationed on the WILLOW staff to anyone stupid enough to accept it.

I, Harold Brorein, will my seat in the study hall to whomever is so "unlucky" to get it, my ability to leave the laboratory equipment alone to Arley Buckmaster, the radiator "knob" to Tom Baker, the right to "open and close" the windows to Eileen Black, the right to tie knots in the blind cords to Larry Marbaugh, and my ability to leave pencils alone that don't belong to me to Don DeBolt.

I, Carl Fisher, will my ability to skip classes and study halls without getting caught to Don DeBolt and Tom Baker, my ability to swipe equipment and pencils to anyone who can get away with it. I would also like for more students to get along with "some" of the teachers as well as I have.

I, Bud Frank, will my seat in the study hall to Jack Bayles, my ability to get in the study hall on time to Jim Habegger, and my seat in bookkeeping to anyone dumb enough to take bookkeeping.

I, Max Frye, with weakened mind, will my job as "spotter" of the basketball team to Gene Price, my ability to keep my car clean and in one piece (so far) to Jim McClain, my long hair to Jim Habegger, and my ability to get along with girls to Lester Strickler.

Class Will con't

I, Robert Hey, will my position on the basketball team to Arley Buckmaster, my seat to Lester Strickler, and the trash in my desk to Jim McClain.

I, Evelyn Humerickhouse, will my seat in the study hall to Virgie Mae Price, my desire to drive to Marlene Trisel, my love to dance to Yvonne Voltz, and my desire to run around to Larry Marbaugh.

I, Gene Koch, will my seat in the study hall to anyone who is fool enough to take it, all the paper and pencils that I used this year to whomever they belong, and my short hair to Sandra Hey.

I, Bernard Krall, will my seat in the study hall to Tom Baker, my bashfulness to Gene Price, and my ability to stay awake in class to Arley Buckmaster.

I, Marilyn Kuhlberg, will my study halls to Marlene Trisel, my seat in the study hall to my sister, Joan, and my long hair to Sandra Hoblet.

I, Kenny Lautzenheiser, will my seat to Jim McClain, my gum under my seat to Gene Price, and my curly hair to Arley Buckmaster.

I, Barbara Marbaugh, will my seat in the study hall to Virginia James, my tallness to Virgie Thatcher, my blue eyes to Lois DeBolt, and my junk in my locker to Yvonne Voltz.

I, Kenneth Merkle, will my seat in the study hall to whomever is assigned to it, my height to Gene Price, and my ability to keep out of trouble to Jack Bayles.

I, Mary Ann Merkle, will to Marlene Harmon my ability to eat like a "hog", my weight to Carol Kuhn, and my craziness to Mary Weddle.

I, Helen Roehm, will my blond hair to Virgie Mae Price, my shortness to Arley Buckmaster, my "bashfulness" to Joan Kuhlberg, my ability to "open and close" the windows in the study hall to any strong Junior, and the last seat in the last row in the study hall to Mary Weddle.

I, Bill Schlickman, will my desk in the study hall to whomever wants a scratched-up desk, my ability to be in the office every day for the first two weeks of school to Tom Baker, my chewing gum wrappers to Don DeBolt, and my position on the basketball team to Paul Schaffner.

I, Shirley Smith, will my ability to get into classes without excuse slips to Sandra Hoblet, my seat in the study hall to Kay Slusser, and my basketball ability to Lois DeBolt.

I, Gene Thatcher, will my ability to get into the study hall in the mornings on time to Tom Baker, my seat in the study hall to my sister, Virgie, my window and blind in bookkeeping class to anyone who is dumb enough to take bookkeeping, my basketball suit to Jack Bayles, and my ability not to get kicked out of class to Larry Marbaugh.

In Witness whereof, we, the Senior Class of 1952, the testators, have set our hands and seal hereto this the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty two (1952).

Signed, sealed, published, and declared for their last will and testament by the Senior Class, the above named testators, the presence of us, who at their request and in the presence of them and each other, have subscribed our names hereto at witness on the day and year last aforesaid.

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Class History

One warm September morning some sweet, little boys and girls started out waving good-bye to their mamas for their first day of school at the Willshire Public School. After some very tense moments waiting for the bus or the neighbor kids to walk along, these little fellows and girls found greeting them with a big smile Miss Neiferd. Well, this kind face made everyone feel at ease once more. Miss Neiferd then discovered these dear little pupils were the graduating-class-to-be of 1952.

And now from the voice of experience--our (the class of '52) second grade teacher was Miss Lillian Weinman. In fact we managed so well with Miss Weinman that she followed us right through the third grade also. We soon found ourselves sitting in the fourth grade, proud as ever. During our fourth grade year Mrs. Esther Dellinger offered her able assistance. Again, as if only the next day, there we were entering the fifth grade which was one more enjoyable year to add to our education. Mrs. Bowen was our number-one help in completing that grade. We next found ourselves under Mr. Sipe and Mrs. Fisher and feeling very smart to be one of those "big sixth-graders". Then came our seventh-grade year which was also under Mr. Sipe.

Out of the dark we came to be known as eighth-graders. This year was under the guidance of Mr. Robert Lucas. With the year flying by, we were becoming more and more "ladies" and "gentlemen". We went so far as to win the County Junior-High Basketball Tournament. Mr. Lucas was also the coach, so you know we really weren't too much of a problem-class. Alas! Graduation night! My, how honored we felt to be receiving our diplomas which permitted our entrance into high-school.

Here it was, 1949, and we were being called "Green Freshmen". We didn't mind too much, though, for just think of all the excitement taking place. There we were wandering to classes, struggling to remember all the rules--a mite bit complicated. But we had Mrs. Vining as our sponsor who protected us, rather tried to protect us, from the terrible fate which the seniors had planned for our initiation. We surprised the seniors and were very co-operative coming to school dressed--how???? The girls wore men's old overalls with one leg torn off and badly shattered above the knee. We used an old hay rope as a belt for our fancy overalls. Our blouses were made of gunny sacks, with a visible advertisement in the back. The front decoration was a lovely corsage of green tomatoes and vines. We were very comfortable in men's boots without any socks. Now, the boys--they were very sweet-looking girls, dressed in short dresses with their slips showing. Shame!! They were properly made-up, wore strong perfume, had their finger-nails and toe-nails painted in bright red, and, of course, their hair was in ringlets. They also were comfortable wearing one woman's high-heeled shoe and one woman's low-heeled shoe preferably with the toes out.

Suddenly, we were sophomores with Mr. Manken sponsoring us. We became "Washington conscious" and realized that we must start on the rough road of raising finances. Our first event was a Fall Festival, which was indeed a lot of fun and also very successful. We next tackled a Chile Supper and again we were marked with success. Also during the year we served the Businessmen's Club a chicken supper.

At last, our junior year! Mr. Games was our sponsor this year. We immediately set to work again. We sponsored another Chile Supper, ordered our class rings, had a paper-drive, sold "Wilshire Bearcats" car plates, and put on a play. Our Junior Class Play was entitled "The Boarding House Reach". More fun!!! Our last event this year was the Junior-Senior Reception. We choose as our theme a farm scene. The auditorium was decorated as an imaginary barn with farmer and farmerette servers. Following the banquet and program, an old-fashioned square dance was enjoyed.

Finally, after completing eleven years of schooling, we're full-pledged seniors. We were happily informed that his year we had two sponsors, Mr. Lucas and Miss Bowyer. We received our class rings the second day of school. Snazzy!!!! We hadn't forgotten our initiation day so natch! arrangements were made for the freshmen of '52. By the way, they're still our friends! Now our attention is turned to planning our class trip to Washington, D. C., and possibly on to the city of New York.

May we now take a few words to very sincerely thank all our previous teachers for their able assistance which they have given us. Especially Miss Bowyer and Mr. Lucas for leading us through our most busy year. We hope they enjoyed working with us as much as we enjoyed working with them.

Prophecy

The year is 1962 and we find ourselves aboard the giant rocket passenger ship X-3 which we found was owned and piloted by the great air-wizard, Kenneth Merkle. He told us that he traded his 36 'Chevy' on a X-3. He tells us that he gets all his fuel at Frye's Super-Service Station. The fuel is new on the market and was discovered by the leading U. S. chemists, Koch and Fisher, by mixing soap suds and acid. All mechanical work on the ship was done by Frye's head mechanic, Bernard Krall.

We are now coming in for a landing on the Ft. Wayne, Indiana Air Base which we find is managed by Harold Brorein. After seeing the town for a short time we decided to visit the mayor who is none other than the honorable William L. Schlickman, so we ask him to tell us about the other members of the "Class of '52". He tells us that there are a few others, besides himself, who have found their occupation in Ft. Wayne. The largest undertaking parlor in town, Digger O'Don's place is owned and operated by Don Baker. We are told that tonight there is to be a basketball game between the Pistons and the Minneapolis Lakers. This promises to be a very exciting game in which the leagues' top scorers will oppose each other, Gene "Moose" Thatcher, who replaced Boag Johnson of the Pistons and Bob "Bones" Hey, who replaced George Mikan of the Lakers. Ken Lautzenheiser, coach of the Pistons, has done a remarkable job with the team and they are expected to take the championship this year. The remaining member of the class of '52 is Bud Frank who Mayor Schlickman tells us is now owner of the largest goat farm in America and is doing very well for himself.

The sun will be setting soon, but wait-----something is missing. The women! The earth is serene! Hmmmmmmm! Where are they?

The mayor explains that the domestic world is set aside from the rest because of the intense noise. So we climbed into a robot taxie and headed for the women's world.

We were creeping down the main street at 75 miles per hour when a policewoman stopped us. "You are holding up traffic!" Who should the creature be, but Mary Ann Merkle. We renewed old acquaintances and traveled on.

The mayor wanted the latest edition of the world's greatest newspaper, The Banaka, so we stopped at the nearest newstand. The editor of the paper turned out to be Beverly Agler, and on the front page there was a story about a famous swimmer, Evelyn Humerickhouse. It told how she received a trophy for swimming the English Channel. She also received the nickmane of "speed demon" because she set a record for swimming the channel--130 miles in 30 minutes.

The newstand was run by Shirley Smith. There were quite a few kids running around and after she said they were hers I presumed she was married.

There was an artist's studio next door to the newstand. It is run by Mrs. Leonard King. She paints portraits of famous persons--such as Barbara Marbaugh, the world-famous ballerina, and Emma Allmandinger, basketball star of the 'Bearkittens'. Emma won the W. A. A. (Women's Athletic Award) for 1959-62. Marilyn also mothers five little "Kings".

We passed down long boulevards of huge trees seemingly growing to the sky. Among these trees, quite a distance from the road, stands a beautiful stone mansion. This old house had been converted to an animal hospital and was operated by Edna Bailey and her 'hubby' when he is home.

Farther down this boulevard is the Women's Country Club where Donna Baker is a golf instructor. She turned professional after winning the Women's Amateur Cup for sportsmanship and playing the game itself.

Gloria Alspaugh is coaching a bowling team at the club. There are so many legs around that once in awhile the balls hit the wrong "pins".

We are heading back to the men's world when we saw a young girl taking her flying license. She signaled a stop and who should climb out after the girl but Helen Roehm. She was giving flyers their tests and I could remember back when she could hardly drive one of those ancient cars. Ah well.....

It is time to leave. We have left the mayor at his home, repeating farewells and promising to return soon. We climbed aboard the X-3, once again seeking new adventures. A day has ended.....

EVELYN HUMERICKHOUSE

MARY MERKLE

SHIRLEY SMITH

HAROLD BROREIN

HELEN ROEHM

BUD FRANK

BERNARD KRALL

BEVERLY AGLER

GLORIA ALSPAUGH

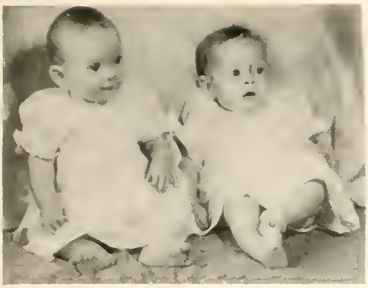
EMMA ALLMANDINGER

EDNA BAILEY

KENNETH MERKLE

MARILYN KUHLBERG

KEN LAUTZENHEISER



DON & DONNA BAKER

GENE THATCHER

CARL FISHER

BILL SCHLICKMAN

MAX FRYE

GENE KOCH

BOB HEY

BARBARA MARBAUGH

Senior Data

Class Colors . . . . . Aqua and Silver
Class Flower. . . . . .Yellow Carnation
Class Motto . . . . . .Forward ever, backward never

Class Officers:
President . . . . . .Max Frye
Vice President . . . . .Beverly Agler
Secretary. . . . . .Helen Roehm
Treasurer . . . . .Barbara Marbaugh
Reporter . . . . . .Marilyn Kuhlberg

FRESHMAN INITIATION

Look what the Seniors did to us!!!!!

Attractive???????

Get set!!!!!!!!

Good-looking?????

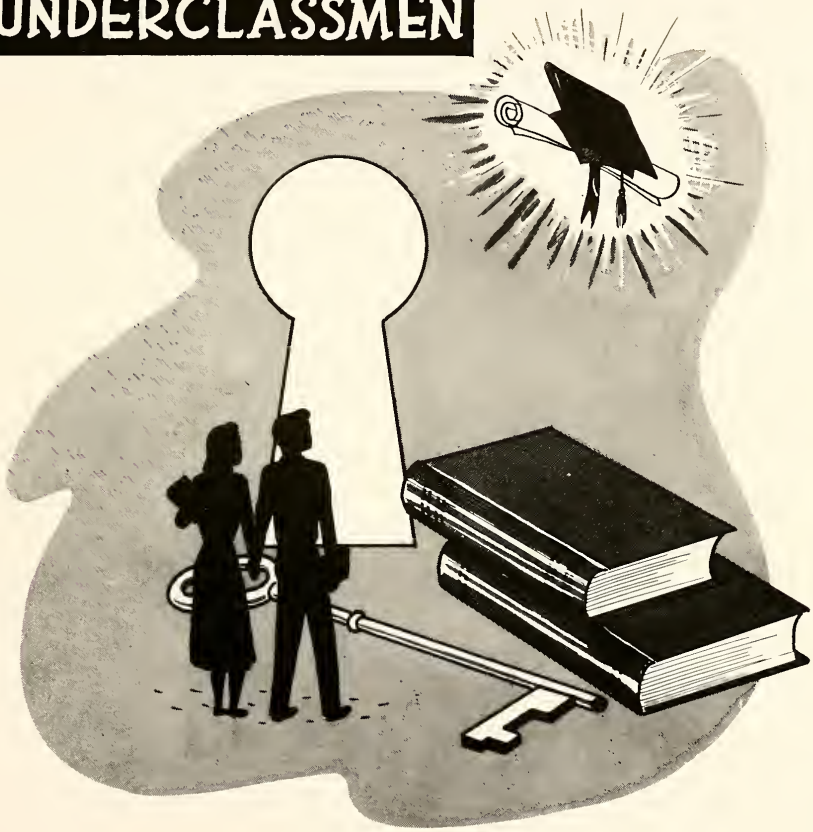
Picnic?????

Here we go!!!!!

Get busy!!!!!

My! My!!

UNDERCLASSMEN



Junior Class

OFFICERS

Sponsor . . . . . Mr. Games
President . . . . . Don DeBolt
Vice-President . . . . . Marlene Trisel
Secretary . . . . . Eileen Black
Treasurer . . . . . Sandra Hoblet
Reporter . . . . . Yvonne Voltz

Left to Right: Don DeBolt, Marlene Trisel, Sandra Hoblet, Yvonne Voltz, Eileen Black, Mr. Games.

Third Row: Gene Price, Don DeBolt, Jack Bayles, Jim Habegger, Jim McClain, Arley Buckmaster, Lester Strickler, Tom Baker, Larry Marbaugh, Paul Schaffner.
Second Row: Sponsor, Robert Games, Barbara Merkle, Sandra Hey, Joan Kuhlberg, Sandra Hoblet, Marlene Trisel, Eileen Black, Mary Weddle, Virgie Price.
First Row: Lois DeBolt, Yvonne Voltz, Carol Kuhn, Anna Miller, Virgie Thatcher, Marlene Harmon, Kay Slusser, Virginia James.

JUNIOR CLASS ACTIVITY

The Junior Class has been having a grand time so far this year. First of all we presented our Junior Class Play, "Quit Your Kidding". Everyone had a swell time getting it ready and putting it on. It was directed by Mr. Games.

Our first class party was held at the school. A pot-luck supper was enjoyed by all. The remainder of the evening was spent by playing games and having a treasure hunt.

On December 1st, our class held a bake sale at the Jones & Byers Garage which proved to be a very profitable affair.

The Juniors are all looking forward to March 17th, the day they will receive their class rings.

On January 5th, we are going to have a scrap paper drive. This will mean a lot of work, but also a lot of fun.

Sophomore Class

OFFICERS

Sponsor . . . . . Mr. Manken
President . . . . . Robert Merkle
Vice-President . . . . . Kay Clouse
Secretary-Treasurer . . Mary Huffman
Reporter . . . . . Todd Hey

Left to right: Robert Merkle, Kay Clouse, Mr. Manken, Mary Huffman, Todd Hey.

Fourth Row: George Schaffner, Robert Merkle, Rolland Luginbill, Jack Stetler, Tom Marbaugh, Todd Hey, Edwin Hileman.
Third Row: Mr. Manken, Ruth Huston, Ruby Merkle, Katherine Davis, Linda Herron, Connie Marbaugh, Rosemary Ross, Wilma Schumm, Carolyn Dull.
Second Row: Shirley Deitsch, Norma Luginbill, Elodee Nye, Shirley Buchanan, Susie Caffee, Colleen Weinman, Mary Huffman, Freddie Marsee, Kay Clouse.
First Row: Larry Samples, Eugene Merkle, Dale Lautzenheiser, Vernon Kuhn, Duane Krall, John Hunter.

On October 19, 1951, the Sophomore class had a fish fry as a money making project. The meal consisted of potato salad, fish, dinner rolls and butter, orange drink and coffee. Following the meal there was an entertaining program made up entirely of Sophomores.

On December 17, 1951, we had a Christmas party at the school house. The evening was spent in playing games, having a gift exchange, and consuming the refreshments.

We are now studying England in history. In English we are reading from our literature books. The biology class has so far studied the cell, similarity in living things, food making in green plants, the stem, roots, and leaves of a plant, and we are now studying the plant kingdom.

FRESHMAN CLASS

OFFICERS

Sponsor . . . . . Mr. Griffith
President . . . . . Leon Jones
Vice-President . . . . . Kent Stetler
Secretary . . . . . Ralph Resor
Treasurer . . . . . Lynn Stucky
Reporter . . . . . Eugene Michaud

Left to right: Lynn Stucky, Eugene Michaud, Leon Jones, Mr. Griffith, Ralph Resor, Kent Stetler.

Fourth Row: Roderick Bowen, Dick Marbaugh, Gene Michaud, Bill Walls, Lee DeBolt, Charles Koch, Kent Stetler, Richard Marbaugh, Merl Black, Ralph Resor.
Third Row: Sponsor, Mr. Griffith, Sharon Knepp, Helen Brodbeck, Esther Brandt, Linda Hoblet, Sharon Baker, Janet Painter, Linda Geisler, Donna Bienz, Robert Hileman.
Second Row: Anna Kallenberger, Mary Thatcher, Katherine Dailey, Phyllis Rankins, June Gallant, Bonnie Stetler, Martha Fisher, Barbara Dietrich, Barbara Kuhlberg, Mary Schumm.
First Row: Donald Krall, Lynn Stuckey, James Finch, Jan Schlickman, Eldon Habegger, Robin Schaffner, Leon Jones.

FRESHMEN ACTIVITY

On the first day of school, we thought we were "hot stuff", but when we heard the Seniors talking about initiation day, we changed our tune.

In October, we had our first class party. We played games and had several races in the gym. Then we had refreshments which consisted of hot dogs, potato chips, pop, and ice cream bars. After eating we had a treasure hunt.

In Home Economics the girls are cooking and sewing. On Monday we study from our book.

In Industrial Arts the boys are making blueprints of drawing.

Eighth Grade

OFFICERS

Sponsor . . . . . Mr. Compton
President . . . . . .Alan Clase
Vice-President . . . . . Ronnie Stetler
Secretary . . . . . Larry Miller
Treasurer. . . . . .Gary Kessler
Reporter . . . . . .David Byers

Left to right: Larry Miller, David Byers, Alan Clase, Gary Kessler, Ronnie Stetler, Mr. Compton.

Third Row: Teddie Swoveland, Raymond Midlam, Alan Clase, Larry Miller, Gary Kessler, Rex Rankins, Jerry Dennis, Gerald Kuhn, David Byers, Gilbert Merkle.
Second Row: Farrel Krall, Dick Samples, Vernie Frank, Jeanette Voltz, Marcile Byers, Mary Ann Fisher, Ronnie Stetler, Paul Bollenbacker, Mr. Compton.
First Row: Max Kallenberger, John Goodwin, Betsy Estill, Linda Finch, Judy Byers, Phyllis Baumgartner, Norma James, Leon Kallenberger, Donnie Jones.

EIGHTH GRADE ACTIVITY

The eighth grade are studying history, science, arithmetic, English and music this year.

The history class in the forepart of the year made a detailed study of southern colonial and frontier life. The highlight of this study was an interesting trip to the Ft. Wayne museum.

Arithmetic has been concerned mostly with interest, percentages, stocks and bonds.

The science class have been studying scientific facts concerned with everyday life.

The time of the English class has been divided between grammar and literature with a spelling lesson now and then.

Seventh Grade

OFFICERS

Sponsor . . . . . Mrs. Lovett
President . . . . . Anita Hughes
Vice-President . . . . . Allan Baker
Secretary . . . . . Larry Huston
Treasurer . . . . . .Emma Marsee
Reporter. . . . . John Smith

Back Row: Anita Hughes, Mrs. Lovett, Emma Marsee.
Front Row: Allan Baker, Larry Huston, John Smith.

Fourth Row: Larry Miller, Walter Roehm, LaVaughn Merkle, Jim Krueckeberg, Boyd Hey, Joseph Schinnerer, Teddy Passwaters, John Smith.
Third Row: Mrs. Lovett, Marjorie Thatcher, Mary Jane Whitter, Esther Bailey, Shirley Kuhn, Janet Koch, Charmaine Wilson, Dana Hoblet, Julia Suman, Pat Bayles, Sharon Hoverman.
Second Row: Sandra Marbaugh, Louise Merkle, Clara Garver, Anita Hughes, Sondra Schlickman, Jeanette Alspaugh, Anne Byer, Darlene Gibbons, Phyllis Goodwin, Nada Bayles, Emma Marsee.
First Row: Allan Baker, Larry Huston, Bill Huffman, Buddy Marbaugh, Ronnie Lautzenheiser, Eugene Huston, Bobby Wechter.

SEVENTH GRADE ACTIVITY

We had our first class party in October. We played several games including basketball. Delicious refreshments were served consisting of cider, potato chips, and weiner sandwiches.

Mrs. Lovett is our teacher in arithmetic. We have studied fractions, decimals, and percentages.

In science we have studied about hydrogen, oxygen, and other rare gases. We have learned how different things are made. Mr. Manken is our teacher.

We have studied about the Western Hemisphere in geography, mostly of North and South America and their nations. We have learned about farm and mineral products.

Sixth Grade

Fourth Row: Richard Duncan, Gary Myers, Tom Swoveland, Billy Schaadt, Chalmer Kuhn, Charles Kimmel, Gary Hey, Jack Swoveland, Wilbur Bailey.
Third Row: Clark Sipe, Mary Felver, Nelma Nunn, Carol Kuhlberg, Eileen Krall, Sharon Miller, Catherine Buechner, Eileen Byers, Linda Geisler, Janice Bailey.
Second Row: Deanne Osborn, Nancy Stetler, Barbara Gunsett, Shirley Miller, Judy Stetler, Rachael Schaffner, Carolyn Kreischer, Bertha Etzler, Cynthia Reef, Barbara Huffman.
First Row: Philip Lautzenheiser, Eddie Alspaugh, Larry Hughes, Ronald Medaugh, Alvin Buchanan, Ralph James, Roger Andrews, Allen Marbaugh.

SIXTH GRADE ACTIVITY

Greetings! Once again here we are appearing in the "WILLOW", only this year we feel more grown-up. Sixth graders!!!

This year our geography has included the study of Ohio. We were each assigned certain leading cities of Ohio on which we made reports concerning the location, industries, and population. This was especially interesting since we all hope to visit in and around these cities some day.

FIFTH GRADE

Fourth Row: James Myers, David Byers, Keith Byer, Edward Garver, Vincent Nieto, Junior Brodbeck, Rex Painter, Richard Dellinger, Larry Tinkham, Ralph Merkle.
Third Row: Larry Dellinger, Marlene Marbaugh, Carrol Lawson, Deliah Kuhn, Marlene Dietrich, Karen Hoverman, Everlyn Krall, Rose Byer, Vicki Neuenschwander, Mrs. Bowen.
Second Row: Marguerite Dailey, Virginia Thatcher, Nila Vining, Patty Donovan, Josephine Allmandinger, Sylvia Wilson, Betty Allmandinger, Mary Goodwin, Rose Baumgartner.
First Row: Richard Merkle, Robert Stetler, Freddie James, Jim Cowan, Billy Clouse, Larry Caffee, Ronald Kelsey.

FIFTH GRADE ACTIVITY

In the fifth grade geography we study the Americas (North America and South America). We are very much surprised to find their many likenesses and differences.

We strive to learn just as much as possible about our own United States, since we make up a very small part of it.

In studying the United States, we have it divided into five groups. They are: New England, Middle Atlantic, Southern, Central, and Western. In addition to our studying the natural regions and physical features, we learn to name and locate each state and particularly note what the people of each state do to earn a living.

THIRD GRADE

Third Row: Teacher Mrs. Dellinger, Donnie Hileman, David Kuhn, John Byer, Murphy Dennis, Dennis Putman, Merrill Miller, Gerald Schaadt, Darrell Brodbeck, Junior Miller, John Myer, David Roth.
Second Row: Duane Lautzenheiser, Billy Swoveland, Jane Byer, Gloria Agler, Becky Finch, Irene Thatcher, Paula Roehm, Dorothy Brodbeck, Don Bates, Clifford Garwood.
First Row: Judy Robison, Janice Krueckeberg, Sue Marsee, Phyllis Stetler, Janet Brandt, Pauline Jones, Judy Tinkham, Carol Donovan, Ada Nunn, Connie Caffee. Elmer Roehm was absent.

THIRD GRADE ACTIVITY

An eager and interesting group entered the third grade this year. Sixteen girls and sixteen boys registered for this section and began serious study. Surely the freshly decorated room has added much to the enjoyment and progress of every pupil.

Subjects studied in the third grade are: spelling, English, arithmetic, reading, writing, geography, along with music, physical education, and Bible.

In the arithmetic course there is addition with carrying, borrowing in subtraction, multiplication with numbers up to the 5's and short division. Roman numerals and measures are also studied.

Second Grade

Third Row: Teacher Mrs. Griffith, Kenny Miller, Bill Stetler, Tommy Myers, Jimmy Anderson, Roger Brorein, Richard Fickert, Larry LaBrun, Joe Miller, Gary Deitsch.
Second Row: Bonnie Miller, Virginia Roehm, Julia Snyder, Becky Dellinger, Bobbie Wolfe, Marlene Schinnerer, Janet Suman, Katy Bailey.
First Row: Martha Goodwin, Marianna Vining, Darlene Thatcher, Johanna Kline, Mary Jane DeArmond, Mary Helen Allmandinger, Diane Kuhn, Linda Rankin.

SECOND GRADE ACTIVITIES

Good morning, Radio Fans, this is your second grade teacher, Mrs. Kathryn Griffith, speaking to you from her desk, in the second grade room, of the Willshire Community School.

In reading class we have learned about animals, brownies, elves, etc. Sometimes the children think there might be a brownie hiding in their cellar, but we soon impress on their minds that they are only "make believe." In arithmetic we just add and subtract. In English we learn about the capital, period, and the question mark and their place in the sentence.

One day in October every one combed his hair, smoothed out his collar, and looked his best, because every boy and girl had his picture taken for the annual.

I will sign off wishing every one many more happy days together, and mingled with lots of hard work.

First Grade

Third Row: Teacher Mrs. Clouse, Larry Henry, Marvin Merkle, Jakie Clouse, Shirley White, Helen Hileman, LaVerne Hamrick, Roger Huffman.
Second Row: Francis Schaffner, Danny Reichard, Lyn Marbaugh, Mary Ann Krall, Elaine Westerberg, Jack Tice, Kenneth Fetters.
First Row: Charles Swoveland, Rosemary Garver, Kathleen Reynolds, Joyce Bailey, Donna Marbaugh, Cheryl Baker, Marlin Lautzenheiser.

FIRST GRADE ACTIVITY

We, the first grade of 1951-'52, are very busy learning and doing many things. In reading we have finished two reading readiness books and are well on our way in our primer, "Tags and Twinkle".

In arithmetic we have learned how to write and recognize our numbers from 1 to 100. Also we are just now starting to learn how to add.

We have learned to make our ABC's and have also learned all their sounds. After Christmas we will be learning how to spell, and also will start our manuscript writing. Never let it be said that "little first graders just play".

First Grade

Third Row: Teacher Miss Snyder, Jerry Lautzenheiser, Tommy McGough, Dean Osborn, Marvin Bransteter, Lester Schinnerer, Thomas Dailey.
Second Row: Gary Swoveland, Michael Hey, Jimmy Heffner, Bobby Games, Bobby Tinkham, Bobby Yocum, John Schaadt.
First Row: Kathleen Donovan, Carol Ann Baker, Mary Luginbill, Carolyn Jones, Gayle Acheson, Shirley Hamrick, Laura Schaffner, Mary Catherine Miller.

FIRST GRADE ACTIVITY

This is the first time you have ever seen our picture because we are the new first graders at Willshire School.

We have been working very hard. We can read, count, add, print, and spell.

We just finished decorating our room for Christmas. We wrote a letter to Santa Claus, too.

SCHOOL DANCE
SENIOR PLAY
PEP MEETING
GLEE CLUB
Activities

Advisors	Mrs. Vining Mrs. Lovett
President	Beverly Agler
Vice-President	Donna Baker
Secretary	Kay Clouse
Treasurer	Sandra Hey
Program Chairman	Helen Roehm
Reporter	Marilyn Kuhlberg
Sergeant-At-Arms	Esther Brandt
Pianist	Emma Allmandinger
Chorister	Marlene Trisel

Back Row: Martha Fisher, Linda Hoblet, Sharon Baker, Bonnie Stetler, Donna Bienz, Virgie Thatcher, Ruth Huston, Mary Thatcher, Linda Herron, Carolyn Dull, Shirley Buchanan, Colleen Weinman, Susie Caffee.
Fourth Row: Rosemary Ross, Ruby Merkle, Katherine Davis, Shirley Smith, Mary Weddle, Yvonne Voltz, Shirley Deitsch, Norma Luginbill, Wilma Schumm, June Gallant, Mary Schumm, Freddie Marsee, Mary Huffman.
Third Row: Barbara Kuhlberg, Barbara Dietrich, Virgie Price, Virginia James, Janet Painter, Edna Bailey, Janice Geisler, Sharon Knepp, Gloria Alspaugh, Eileen Black, Sandra Hoblet, Barbara Marbaugh, Mary Merkle.
Second Row: Elodee Nye, Connie Marbaugh, Lois DeBolt, Helen Roehm, Carol Kuhn, Anna Miller, Joan Kuhlberg, Marlene Harmon, Evelyn Humerickhouse, Katherine Dailey, Phyllis Rankins, Anna Kallenberger, Helen Brodbeck.
First Row: Marilyn Kuhlberg, Esther Brandt, Marlene Trisel, Mrs. Vining, Beverly Agler, Donna Baker, Sandra Hey, Kay Clouse, Emma Allmandinger, Mrs. Lovett.

WILLSHIRE Y-TEEN CLUB

The Willshire Y-Teen Club has had a variety of activities this year. Early in October we enjoyed a hay-ride to the Decatur Drive-In Theater.

The Club had their annual pot-luck supper in November. Following the supper everyone joined in various games.

Our Y-Teen Christmas party included a taffy-pull and caroling throughout the town delivering Christmas gifts to needy families. The members also had a gift exchange in their regular December meeting.

Some of the club's projects are: devotions for the school chapel, package for Korea, send Christmas cards to boys in service, chocolate bars for Christmas, Crusade for Freedom, discussion on the book, "Your Manners Are Showing", and our only money-making project, selling basketball programs.

Senior Choir

The senior choir is a musical organization composed of thirty-three members, twenty girls, and thirteen boys. It was organized six years ago under the leadership of Miss Edna Mae Sheppard; Mrs. Rosella Vining assumed the leadership of the choir in the fall of 1948. Since that time, the choir has participated in district contests at Ada, and county choral festivals, as well as furnishing music for baccalaureate servies, Christmas chapel programs, etc.

During the current school year the choir joined the Glee Clubs in giving a high school minstrel. The choir also presented an Easter Cantata, "Redemption's Song" by Fred B. Holton.

Third Row: Don DeBolt, Bud Frank, Ralph Resor, Charles Koch, Max Frye, Bob Hey, Kenneth Merkle, Gene Koch, Don Baker, Robert Merkle, Tom Marbaugh.
Second Row: Eldon Habegger, Virgie Price, Kay Clouse, Sandra Hey, Connie Marbaugh, Sandra Hoblet, Marlene Trisel, Mary Weddle, Donna Baker, Mrs. Vining, Jim Habegger.
First Row: Susie Caffee, Gloria Alspaugh, Helen Roehm, Marlene Harmon, Rosemary Ross, Donna Bienz, Barbara Dietrich, Shirley Dietsch, Martha Fisher, June Gallant, Joan Kuhlberg.

Glee Clubs

Back Row: Ralph Resor, Roderick Bowen, Richard Marbaugh, Lee DeBolt, James Finch.
Third Row: Robert Hileman, Lynn Stuckey, George Schaffner, Don Krall, Bill Walls, Merle Black, Dick Marbaugh, Jan Schlickman, Robin Schaffner.
Second Row: John Hunter, Vernon Kuhn, Robert Merkle, Duane Krall, Eugene Merkle, Larry Samples, Dale Lautzenheiser, Eugene Michaud, Mrs. Vining.
First Row: Eldon Habegger, Charles Koch, Leon Jones, Kent Stetler, Jack Stetler, Tom Marbaugh, Edwin Hileman, Todd Hey, Dennis Lubinbill.

Back Row: Linda Herron, Anna Miller, Carol Kuhn, Sandra Hey, Donna Baker, Emma Allmandinger, Beverly Agler.
Fourth Row: Elodee Nye, Connie Marbaugh, Mary Huffman, Freddie Marsee, Martha Fisher, Linda Hoblet, Sharon Baker, Ruth Huston, Virgie Thatcher, Yvonne Voltz, Lois DeBolt, Norma Luginbill, Shirley Deitsch.
Third Row: Shirley Buchanan, Ruby Merkle, Katherine Davis, Donna Bienz, Bonnie Stetler, Virgie Price, Janet Painter, Virginia James, Sharon Knepp, Janice Geisler, Mary Thatcher, Esther Brandt, Helen Brodbeck.
Second Row: Wilma Schumm, Mary Merkle, Helen Roehm, Barbara Dietrich, Mary Schumm, Katherine Dailey, Phyllis Rankins, Anna Kallenberger, June Gallant, Barbara Kuhlberg, Mary Weddle, Sandra Hoblet, Mrs. Vining.
First Row: Marlene Harmon, Joan Kuhlberg, Carolyn Dull, Rosemary Ross, Kay Clouse, Colleen Weinman, Susie Caffee, Gloria Alspaugh, Marlene Trisel, Eileen Black, Barbara Marbaugh, Fvelyn Humerickhouse, Marilyn Kuhlberg.

BAND

Back Row: Helen Roehm, Sharon Hoverman, Gene Price, Katherine Davis, Sonja Shoup, Mrs. Vining, Connie Marbaugh, Arley Buckmaster, Ruby Merkle, Jim Habegger, Kenneth Merkle, Lois DeBolt.
Fourth Row: Edwin Hileman, Yvonne Voltz, Martha Fisher, Shirley Smith, Donna Bienz, Larry Miller, Sandra Hoblet, Susie Caffee, Kay Clouse, Robert Merkle, Gilbert Merkle, Robert Wechter.
Third Row: Betsy Fstill, Mary Witter, Jack Bayles, Mary Weddle, Max Frye, Don DeBolt, Linda Hoblet, Shirley Buchanan, Linda Geisler, Sondra Schlickman, Deanne Osborn.
Second Row: Carolyn Dull, Colleen Weinman, Marlene Trisel, Marlene Harmon.
First Row: Connie Caffee, Bonita Dietrich.

WILLSHIRE SCHOOL BAND

The Willshire School Band was organized during the 1944-45 school year under the direction of Miss Maxine Carr, who taught at Willshire for two years.

Miss Edna Mae Sheppard continued the work begun by Miss Carr. By this time the band began making public appearances.

Mr. Owen Roberts instructed the band during the summer months. The instruction included private lessons on the various instruments.

In September, 1945, Mrs. Rosella Vining assumed the leadership of the band and continued building on the excellent groundwork laid by her predecessors. At the present time the band consists of thirty-two playing members, seven twirlers, one drum majorette and two flag-carriers.

Under the sponsorship of the Music Booster Club the band was completely outfitted in new suits. The members made their first public appearance in their new suits during half-time of the varsity basketball game between Willshire and Middle Point on Friday night, December 14th.

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JUNIOR PLAY CAST

Seated: Eileen Black, Joan Kuhlberg, Sandra Hoblet, Marlene Trisel, Marlene Harmon, Mary Evelyn Weddle.
Standing: Mr. Games, Arley Buckmaster, Jim Habegger, Don DeBolt, Jim McClain, Gene Price.

CHARACTERS

Mrs. Mary Buford . . . . . Marlene Trisel

Evelyn Buford . . . . . Marlene Harmon

Binnie Buford . . . . . Kay Slusser

Winnie Buford . . . . . Jim McClain

Camilla Ann Dusenberry . . . . . Mary Weddle

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Classes

Mrs. Dale Cowan
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Bible Teacher

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Typing II

Freshman Ind. Arts

Sophomore Home Ec.

Freshman Home Ec.

Fun?????

Suppose to be working!!!!

Monkeys???

Reading, eh?

Ah! California!!!!

Waiting?

Relax!

Look it over!!!

A ball game!!!

HI!!

Watch it!!!

Turn them loose!!!

Seniors???????

How entertaining!!

Whew!!!!!

Sweet!!!

Sun bright???

Listen!!!

Tom, the janitor!!!

Our new trophy case!!

The cooks!!!

Bill crowning Kay, "Band Sweetheart of 1952"

"Band Sweetheart" & Court

Lunch-time?????

What's the occasion?

Guess who?????

In public?!/&#?

Sweet!!!!

Fun, Fat????

Ah! A banquet!!!!

Aren't we busy!!!!

Hmmmmmmm Coffee!!!

Calendar

10 - First Day of school!
11 - Seniors received their class rings!
12 - First Y-Teen meeting.
14 - Willshire played baseball at Wren. We won 3 to 1.
18 - Willshire played baseball at Hoaglin-Jackson. We won 19 to 8.
20 - Decatur Catholic baseball game here. We won 4 to 3.
21 - Willshire played baseball with Ridge. We won 16 to 1.
24 - Juniors received play-books.
26 - Willshire played baseball with Wren. They won 11 to 9.
27 - Juniors had try-outs for play parts.
27 - Chapel, Rev. Turner.
28 - Middle Point baseball game here. We won 14 to 2.

1 - Teachers' meeting at Convoy.
1 - Juniors were given their play parts.
2 - Willshire played baseball at York. We won 20 to 10.
4 - Ft. Recovery baseball game here. We won 16 to 3.
5 - Ridge baseball game here. We won 12 to 2.
5 - Freshman Initiation Day!
8 - Seniors sold subscriptions for annual.
9 - Home Ec. classes went to St. Mary's.
9 - Y-Teen hayride!
11 - Seniors selected Endicott Studio.
12 - Sophomore Fish Fry!
15 - Y-Teen meeting.
16 - All-County Y-Teen free night at the Y.W.C.A.
17 - Senior pictures taken at St. Mary's.
18 - Pictures taken for annual.
19 - No school! Teachers' meeting at Toledo.
22 - Seniors received proofs.
24 - Chapel, Rev. Byers. Style revue by Home Ec. classes.
25 - Seniors ordered pictures.
25 - Bible movie.
26 - Cheerleaders elected.
26 - Booster's Club Fall Festival. Kay Slusser crowned queen.
29 - Band played at Willshire for Halloween Parade.
29 - Movie
31 - Band played at Decatur Halloween Parade, received 2nd prize!

1 - Magazine salesman visited Seniors.
2 - Junior Class Play, "Quit Your Kidding"!
2 - Seniors started selling magazines.
6 - Willshire played basketball with Ohio City.
7 - Freshman Initiation movie!
8 - No School!!!! Teachers toured Van Wert business district.
9 - French class went to Fort Wayne.
12 - Parents invited to visit school.
13 - Juniors picked class rings.
13 - Willshire played basketball at Celina. Celina won 39 to 29.
15 - Boys excused to go hunting.
16 - Bible movie.
16 - Willshire played basketball at Mendon. We won 47 to 42.
19 - Junior class party.
19 - Seniors end magazine sale.
20 - Pictures taken for annual.
21 - Thanksgiving Chapel, Rev. Smith.
21 - Y-Teens gave play for Chapel,
22 - Thanksgiving vacation started.
26 - Y-Teen supper and meeting.
27 - Pleasant Mills played basketball at Willshire. They won 51 to 43.
27 - Seniors were measured for caps and gowns.
30 - Willshire played basketball with Wren. Wren won 64 to 58.
30 - Girls played basketball after school.

1 - Junior class bake sale.
5 - Seniors started planning for trip.
5 - Report cards for second six weeks.
6 - Jr. High played basketball with Hoaglin-Jackson.
7 - Hoaglin-Jackson played basketball at Willshire. We won 39 to 33.
7 - Band received new suits.
10 - Pictures taken for annual.
13 - Freshmen toured Marathon Oil Co. at Rockford.
14 - Bible movie.
14 - Middle Point played basketball at Willshire. We won 53 to 44.
17 - Christmas Chapel, Rev. Schumm.
17 - Sophomore class Christmas party.
18 - Basketball game with Rockford canceled.
18-19-21 - No school, snowbound!!
19 - Y-Teen Christmas party and caroling postponed.
20 - Y-Teen Christmas exchange.
21 - Basketball game with Pleasant Mills and Christmas Operetta canceled.
22 - Christmas vacation started.
22 - Music Booster bake sale.
29 - Senior Bake sale.

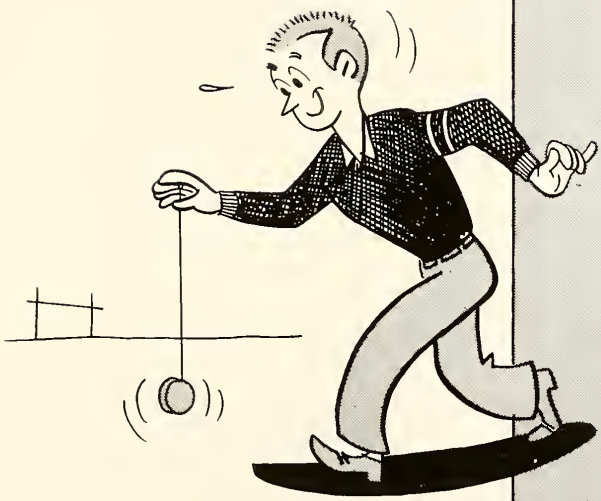
1 - Rockford played basketball at Willshire.
2 - Came back to school after Christmas vacation.
3 - Seniors selected invitations and name cards.
4 - Willshire played basketball at York. We won!
5 - Junior scrap drive.
8 - Willshire played basketball at Rockford. They won!
9 - Man here from Findlay College to talk to seniors.
10 - Christmas Operetta.
10 - D. A. R. Test!!!
11 - Ridge played basketball at Willshire. We won!
11 - Judge Koch spoke to high school on Juvenile Delinquency.
14 - Semester tests started.
15 - Willshire played basketball at Wren. They won!
18 - Willshire played basketball at Ohio City. They won!
18 - Y-Teen meeting.
22 - Ft. Recovery played basketball at Willshire.
23 - Chapel in charge of Huntington College.
24 - Report cards!!!
25 - Convoy played basketball at Willshire. We won!
25 - Bible movie.
29 - Monmouth played basketball at Willshire. They won!
29 - Band sweetheart crowned, Kay Clouse.

1 - Play at Van Wert (Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates).
1 - Willshire played basketball at Union. We won!
4 - Y-Teen Banquet.
5 - Willshire played basketball with Decatur Catholic. They won!
8 - High School Minstrel.
11 - Willshire played basketball with Pleasant Mills.
11 - Man here from Ada College to talk to seniors.
13-16-18-20-22 - County tournament.
15 - Bible movie.
21 - Y-Teen meeting.
25 - Movies.

3 - Vocational Guidance at Van Wert.
10 - Vocational Guidance at Van Wert.
17 - D. A. R. girls entertained at Van Wert.
21 - Quiz Book Exam at Van Wert.
28 - Y-Teen Free Night at Y.W.C.A.

1 - April Foolds' Day!
11 - Baseball with Ohio City.
15 - County Band Festival.
18 - Y-Teen Spring Dance.
18 - Baseball with Convoy.
29 - County Vocal Festival.

2 - Senior Class Play.
10 - Junior & Senior Reception.
18 - Baccalaureate Service.
23 - Awards Day.
23 - Commencement.
25 - Seniors leave for trip to Washington, D. C. and New York!



SPORTS

Senior High

Cheerleaders

Gloria Alspaugh, June Gallant, Susie Caffee, Marlene Trisel

Managers

Kenny Lautzenheiser and Jim McClain

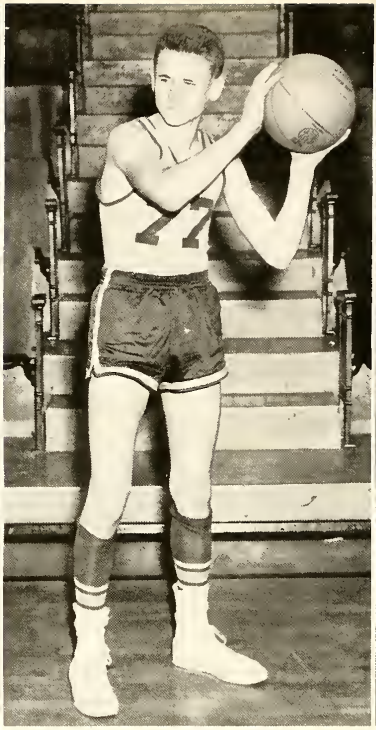
VARSITY

Left to right: Gene Thatcher, Paul Schaffner, Larry Marbaugh, Don Baker, Bill Schlickman, Tom Baker, Gene Koch, Todd Hey, Deannie Luginbill, Tom Marbaugh, Bob Hey, Arley Buckmaster, Coach Games.

PLAYERS, SCHEDULE, & INDIVIDUAL POINTS

	Ohio City	Celina	Mendon	Pleasant Mills	Wren	Hoaglin-Jackson	Rockford	York	Rockford	Ridge	Wren	Ohio City	Ft. Recovery	Convoy	Monmouth	Union	Middle Point	Decatur	Pleasant Mills	Convoy	TOTAL
Don Baker	0	0	2	1	0	13	15	7	11	15	9	5	3	4	4	2	0	0	2	6	104
Tom Baker	4	5	8	4	12	0	0	2	2	2	18	6	4	9	10	11	20	7	10	10	140
Larry Marbaugh	17	13	9	15	13	10	19	16	7	11	9	12	7	2	4	4	2	8	6	0	167
Tom Marbaugh	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	6	12	15	1	0	0	0	0	46
Bob Hey	10	6	11	10	12	16	6	9	24	4	7	6	8	5	0	0	0	4	7	12	157
Arley Buckmaster	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Gene Koch	0	4	7	5	8	1	2	2	7	0	4	1	9	2	1	0	5	0	0	2	60
Gene Thatcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	10
Todd Hey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
Bill Schlickman	4	1	10	2	9	9	11	3	2	4	9	11	5	0	4	10	0	6	9	10	115
Paul Schaffner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rolland Luginbill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	2	2	6	4	3	12	11	5	2	53
Ken Lautzenheiser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	6	5	7	3	6	38
WILLSHIRE	37	29	47	43	58	63	53	41	58	39	73	45	44	48	48	37	51	43	44	48	912
OPPONENT	53	39	42	51	64	41	44	51	41	56	48	49	57	66	46	49	34	61	58	50	1000

TOM BAKER



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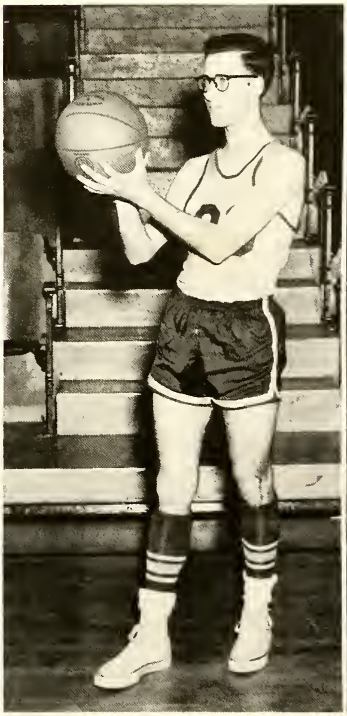

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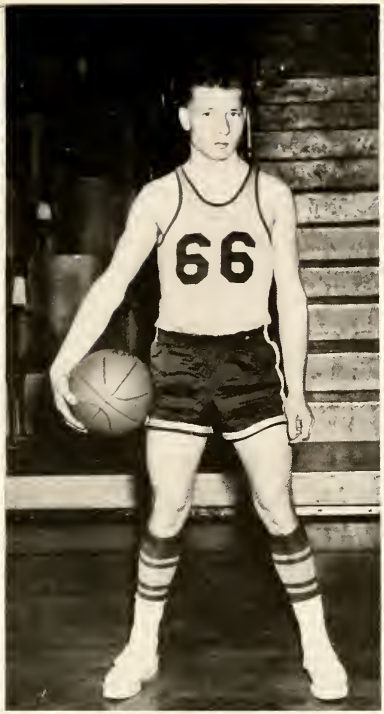
ARLEY BUCKMASTER

GENE KOCH



PAUL SCHAFFNER

TOM MARBAUGH

TODD HEY

DEANNIE LUGINBILL

GENE THATCHER

RESERVE

Seated: Jim McClain, Robert Merkle, Deannie Luginbill, Tom Marbaugh, Todd Hey, Lester Strickler, Ken Lautzenheiser.
Standing: Don DeBolt, Eugene Michaud, Kent Stetler, Charles Koch, Merle Black, Mr. Games

PLAYERS, SCHEDULE, & INDIVIDUAL POINTS

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Tom Marbaugh	12	17	11	3	14	6	16	12	6	13	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	129
Jan Schlickman	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Robert Merkle	3	2	6	4	6	4	4	10	10	2	6	0	0	2	10	5	2	0	76
Eugene Michaud	3	0	2	0	0	4	6	0	0	2	4	2	0	0	2	3	0	4	32
Rolland Luginbill	6	9	8	15	9	13	12	8	8	19	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119
Kent Stetler	5	5	0	2	5	0	0	9	0	4	2	0	0	0	1	2	6	0	41
Todd Hey	4	6	1	1	0	1	0	3	3	2	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	29
Charles Koch	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	6	5	2	0	18
Lester Strickler	10	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	4	0	2	2	2	5	6	0	5	7	52
Merle Black	8	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	4	2	1	2	33
Gene Thatcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	12	10	8	6	5	5	56
Arley Buckmaster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3	9	2	3	3	14	46
Paul Schaffner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	2	8	2	0	23
Dick Marbaugh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	8
WILLSHIRE	53	39	28	29	38	30	42	52	33	45	50	32	27	30	47	36	26	32	669
OPPONENT	18	28	12	25	19	25	13	24	14	24	26	18	29	33	31	29	32	33	432

BASEBALL

Third Row: Coach Robert Games, Tom Marbaugh, Larry Marbaugh, Tom Baker, Richard Marbaugh, Paul Schaffner.
Second Row: Gene Thatcher, Rolland Luginbill, Gene Koch, Arley Buckmaster, Don Baker.
First Row: Ken Lautzenheiser, Charles Koch, Robert Merkle, Robert Hileman, Merl Black, Dick Marbaugh, Jim McClain.

PLAYERS	POSITION
Dick Marbaugh	Short-stop
Gene Koch	Second base
Rolland Luginbill	First base
Larry Marbaugh	Pitcher
Tom Marbaugh	Center field
Arley Buckmaster	Catcher
Charles Koch	Right field
Don Baker	Third base
Tom Baker	Left field
Merle Black	Pitcher
Robert Merkle	Out-field
Robert Hileman	Out-field
Richard Marbaugh	Out-field
Paul Schaffner	Out-field
Gene Thatcher	Catcher

SCHEDULE & SCORES			
Wren	1	Willshire	3
Hoaglin-Jackson	8	Willshire	19
Decatur Catholic	3	Willshire	4
Ridge	1	Willshire	16
Wren (tournament)	11	Willshire	9
Middle Point	2	Willshire	14
York	10	Willshire	20
Fort Recovery	16	Willshire	3
Ridge	2	Willshire	13

JUNIOR HIGH

Center: Manager, La Vaughn Merkle.
Left to right: Allan Baker, Jim Krueckeberg, Boyd Hey, Paul Bollenbacker, Alan Clase, Gary Kessler, Coach Lucas, Larry Miller, David Byers, Jerry Dennis, Gilbert Merkle, Dick Samples, Larry Huston.

		Willshire	Opponents
November 19	Pleasant Mills	39	22
November 29	Wren	51	29
December 6	Hoaglin-Jackson	27	22
December 13	Middle Point	45	37
December 18	Rockford	55	18
January 3	York	59	16
January 10	Ridge	44	26
January 17	Ohio City	60	29
January 24	Convoy	47	39
January 31	Union	39	25

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Willshire--56	Ridge	37
Willshire--28	Hoaglin-Jackson	35

Dana Hoblet, Mary Ann Fisher, Sandra Schlickman, Judy Byer

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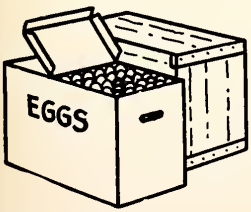

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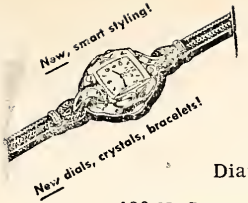

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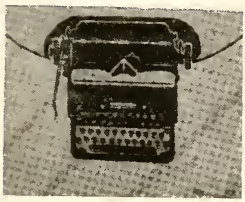

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